

What is Sentence Completion (IELTS Listening)?

Worksheet

Sentence completion asks you to complete 5–10 incomplete sentences while listening to a recording. You write keywords—usually 1–3 words per blank—drawn directly from the audio, with spelling and grammar as spoken.

Questions

1. In sentence completion, which source do you draw answers from?
 - A) Your own knowledge
 - B) The audio recording
 - C) The rubric provided
 - D) A vocabulary list
2. What is the typical word limit per blank?
 - A) Unlimited
 - B) 1–2 words max
 - C) 1–3 words max
 - D) 5+ words
3. If the audio says 'It's raining,' but the blank needs a verb, can you write 'raining'?
 - A) No, use 'rain'
 - B) Yes, exactly as spoken
 - C) No, use 'is raining'
 - D) Write 'It's raining'
4. How many sentence completion questions typically appear in IELTS listening?
 - A) 5–10
 - B) 15–20
 - C) 1–5
 - D) Varies per test
5. Audio: 'Modern cities face significant challenges including _____ and waste management.' What word completes the sentence?
6. Audio: 'The ecosystem depends on _____ biodiversity to survive.' What adjective fits?
7. Audio: 'Climate change is accelerated by _____, such as fossil fuels.' What phrase completes it?
8. Define: What is sentence completion in IELTS listening?
9. Define: How many words max per blank?
10. Define: Does spelling count?

Answer Key

1. B) The audio recording — Answers must come directly from the audio; no external knowledge.
2. C) 1–3 words max — Most blanks accept 1–3 words; always check instructions.
3. B) Yes, exactly as spoken — Write the exact word(s) from the audio, matching case and form.
4. A) 5–10 — Sentence completion usually appears once per listening test, with 5–10 questions.
5. Listen for a noun describing a city challenge. Speaker says: 'pollution and waste management.' Write: pollution
6. Listen for an adjective before 'biodiversity'. Speaker says: 'The ecosystem depends on healthy biodiversity.' Write: healthy
7. Listen for the cause of climate change. Speaker says: 'Climate change is accelerated by human activities.' Write: human activities
8. A task where you fill blanks in incomplete sentences using words from the audio.
9. Usually 1–3 words; check the rubric.
10. Yes — misspellings are marked incorrect.

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